## Conservation Security Program



"CSP is designed to reward the best conservationists and motivate the rest."



## IF YOU CAN ANSWER "YES" TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PERTAINING TO YOUR LAND USE, YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CSP:

- Do you have cropland, hayland, pastureland, vineyards, and/or orchards that you wish to enroll in CSP?
- Do you own or have control of the land you intend to enroll in CSP for the length of the proposed 5 to 10 year contract period?
- Do you share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock on this farm?
- Is the cropland and/or pastureland you wish to enroll free of active gullies or other erosion problems?
- Do you have at least two years of records of your nutrient, pest, and waste management applications for the acres you wish to enroll?

- Do you soil test regularly (every three years or change in rotation) and apply nutrients according to soil test recommendations on the acreage you wish to enroll?
- Are you following a grazing management plan?
- Are you managing livestock access to rivers, streams, and other watercourses?
- Do you have at least two years of written documentation or records of your grazing activities?
- Do you leave at least a 30% cover of crop residue on the surface of the fields you wish to enroll following crop harvest?

- Access the CSP Self-Assessment workbook online, pick up a hard copy at the local USDA Service Center, or attend a CSP workshop. Using the workbook you will:
  - o determine whether you meet the basic eligibility requirements
  - document your stewardship work to date
  - o prepare benchmark inventory documenting conservation treatments you have undertaken so far
- Submit the completed workbook and required records to the Service Center during the sign-up period
- Meet with NRCS personnel to go over any additional documentation
- NRCS determines the enrollment tier and category for which the producer qualifies
- Finally, NRCS will select the categories to be funded for CSP contracts

## LOUISIANA **CSP Selected Watersheds** for FY 2006 Tensas:

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE WEBSITE AT <a href="https://www.la.nrcs.usda.gov">www.la.nrcs.usda.gov</a>, OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NRCS FIELD OFFICE

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Lake Providence Field Office: 318-559-2604, ext. 3

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